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SUBJ: DEMOCRAT-SOCIAL AGRARIAN POLICY STATEMENT

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1. THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS BEEN TELLING THE THAI PEOPLE FOR MONTHS THAT IF ELECTED TO LEAD THE NATION IT WOULD FOLLOW A "MILDLY SOCIALIST" POLICY IN ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT AND ATTACKING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. THE DEMOCRAT-SOCIAL AGRARIAN COALITION HAS JUST PUBLISHED ITS POLICY STATEMENT (REFERENCE).

2. "MILD POPULISM" SEEMS A BETTER DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE COALITION INTENDS THAN "MILD SOCIALISM," TO WIT: COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES WITHIN 18 MONTHS; INTRODUCTION OF A SYSTEM OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY THAT PROMOTES SOCIAL JUSTICE, RESPECTS INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY, AND THE PROMOTION OF PRIVATE ECONOMIC INITIATIVE; CURBS ON ECONOMIC MONOPOLIES BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AND LIMITS ON LAND OWNERSHIP; PROMOTION OF FARMER COOPERATIVES AND LABOR UNIONS; EXPANSION OF LAND AND WATER TRANSPORTATION ROUTES; DECENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRY TO THE PROVINCES; REFORM OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WITH GREATER INDEPENDENCE FOR UNIVERSITIES; FREE MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE POOR; "ATTEMPTS" TO ENACT LAWS THAT THE CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS, LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, AND DISCLOSURE OF ASSETS OF CABINET MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT; AND USE OF PERSUASION RATHER THAN FORCE IN DEALING WITH IDE-

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